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I am a retired wastewater treatment worker, and I don't understand why the EPA believes their current plan is the best option to clean up the Willamette River. It is stupid to dig up the riverbed just to spread its contaminants. I am confused why the EPA can't just treat the water and filter out the pollutants, then put it back in the river.

As a retired person on a fixed income, I am already paying enough money to the city of Portland as it is. I don't want to be forced to pay any more in taxes because of the cost of this project. I'm in favor of a lower-cost alternative, but Portland residents need to have their voices heard. It's unfair that the EPA is working with people in Seattle who have no connection to us. Instead, they should be working with people in Portland or in the state of Oregon. This plan will not affect anybody in Washington, unless that's where the debris will be dumped. It will, however, affect us. The EPA needs to start working with us instead.

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